LIQUID FAITH

THE SPIRITUALITY OF WATER

with Ian Bradley

Water plays a central role in all the world’s religions – it has often been taken as a metaphor for faith – flowing and yet still, yielding and yet in full spate. Ian Bradley, who has written a spiritual history of water, leads a weekend which explores holy wells, sacred watery sites, Biblical and other images and metaphors and current theories about water’s therapeutic and liturgical properties.

Ian Bradley is Emeritus Professor of Cultural and Spiritual History in the University of St Andrews and well known as a preacher, retreat leader, writer and broadcaster. He is the author of over 40 books, including Water Music: Making Music in the Spas of Europe and North America.

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The Rock and the River: An introduction to Liquid Faith
8pm
Water and Faith: Ways in which water has been understood and used in the major world faiths

Sat 16th
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10am
Medieval Healing Wells, especially Holywell
11.30am
The Protestantisation of Water: Spas, hydrotherapy and temperance
5pm
Watery poems, songs and music
8pm
Film: Steam: The Turkish Bath (dir Ferzan Ozpetek, 2000, 96mins)

Sun 17th
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8am
Eucharist at St Deiniol's Church
10.15am
The Dawning of the Age of Aquarius - Some twentieth-century approaches to water
11.45am
Putting Liquid Faith into Practice: Water and worship – pastoral use of water – death